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1. FRONTPAGE COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S ME TRIP BY CAIRO PRESS OF AUGUST 25 INCLUDES: A) EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN CONSULTATIONS "ON HIGHEST LEVEL," B) FAHMI-EILTS CONTACTS TO FOLLOW CLOSELY SECRETARY'S TALKS IN ISRAEL, C) SPREADING DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL AND PROTESTS AGAINST ISRAELI POLICE "CRUELTY," AND D) SECRETARY'S CHOSED MEETING WITH ISRAELI PRESS REPRESENTATIVES "FOR FIRST TIME." AL-AHRAM INTERPRETS MEETING AS "ATTEMPT TO COOL DOWN OPPOSITION (TO PROPOSED ACCORD) BY MAJOR SECTOR OF ISRAELI PEOPLE."

2. AL-AHRAM'S STORY BY HAMD FOUAD AND ADLY GALAL REPORTS THAT EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN HIGHEST LEVEL CONTACTS AIM AT HAVING DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD MADE ON GOLAN SIMILAR TO ACCORD ON SINAI "IN PREPARATION FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE." ACCORDING TO WIRE DISPATCHES FROM ISRAEL, ALLON SAID IN RADIO BROADCAST THAT ISRAELI CABINET WAS TOLD THAT ADVANCEMENT OF EGYPTIAN FORCES TO AREAS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL REPRESENTS MAJOR PROBLEM. AL-AHRAM'S STORY UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERS TO SECRETARY'S REMARK TO A.B.C. THAT ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN

VIEWS ARE CLOSE ON MOST POINTS. SECRETARY CONSIDERED INTERIM ACCORD "CORNERSTONE FOR ME PEACE." WORKING IT OUT BY BOTH PARTIES, HE CAUTIONED, MAY BE REAL DIFFICULTY.

3. AL-AKHBAR REPORTS ON STORY BY LEBANESE DAILY AL-NAHAR TO EFFECT THAT GOE CONSIDERS EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN INTERIM ACCORD "POINT-LESS" UNLESS IT IS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ON GOLAN. PAPER REFERS TO ALLON'S RADIO STATEMENT THAT HE FEELS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SUCCESS OF SECRETARY'S MISSION. ALLON ADDED THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

4. AL-GOMHURIYA QUOTES PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN BASHIR THAT, DURING ME TALKS, SEVERAL FORMULAS BY BOTH PARTIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED. BASHIR INDICATED THAT SOME ASPECTS ARE ENCOURAGING THOUGH WHOLE SITUATION IS STILL FLUID. DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT HODA TAWFIK "LEARNED" THAT IF HE IS ABLE TO GET POSITIONS CLOSER, SECRETARY WILL PRESENT U.S. PROPOSALS TO BRIDGE GAP. ACCORDING TO "INFORMED SOURCES," SHE ADDS, SECRETARY DELAYED HIS SHUTTLE BACK TO ALEXANDRIA TO OBTAIN "DEFINITE (ACCORD) PROPOSAL" FROM ISRAEL. IN CASE OF AGREEMENT, TAWFIK GOES ON TO SAY, GOE WILL ASK TWO SUPERPOWERS TO CALL FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE "TO DISCUSS OVERALL SETTLEMENT." JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL HOLD EARLIER MEETING IN GENEVA "TO PLAN WITHDRAWAL TIMETABLE" ONCE ACCORD IS REACHED AND INITIALED BY BOTH PARTIES. TAWFIK ALSO LEARNS THAT SECRETARY CARRIED WITH HIM TO ISRAEL "EGYPT'S INSISTENCE ON NECESSITY OF TAKING QUICK STEP TOWARD WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN." GOE PROPOSAL ALSO COVERS EGYPTIAN LINE OF ADVANCE, TRAFFIC RULES IN OILFIELDS AREA, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL LINE FROM PASSES, SIZE OF EGYPTIAN MILIARY PRESENCE IN AREAS TO WHICH EGYPTIAN FORCES WILL ADVANCE AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS, AL-GOMHURIYA REPORTS, SECRETARY TOLD PRESSMEN THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO MEASURE DISTANCES, BUT "WE CONTINUE TO PROGRESS AND REMOVE DIFFICULTIES." ALLON IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE ARE PROGRESSING" AND THAT "EVERY MEETING GETS US CLOSER TO HOPED RESULTS." ALLON ADDED THAT EVERY ACCORD WILL BE VALID UNTIL IT IS REPLACED BY ANOTHER, THUS "VALIDITY OF ANY ACCORD WILL NOT BE INDEFINITE."

5. ALMOST IDENTICALLY, PRESS EDITORIALS WELCOME ALL STEPS TO CREATE ARAB SOLIDARITY; E.G., SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN-UNCLASSIFIED

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JORDANIAN COMMANDS. EDITORIALS DENY THAT GOE IS FOLLOWING ISOLATIONIST POLICIES AND EMPHASIZE THAT GOE IS STILL COMMITTED TO ARAB GOALS.  
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